

REMARKS

Claims 26-31 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 18-21 and 32-37 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer merely for the purpose of expediting prosecution.

Applicants respectfully submit that all remaining claims (26-31) were indicated to be allowable in the Office Action dated August 23, 2004. As such, allowance is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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